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I'M FACING THE MOST HORRIBLE FATE IN THE UNIVERSE -- TRAPPED WITH THE HEDGEHOG!

HATE TO BURST YOUR BUBBLE, DOC, BUT YOU'RE NOT MY DREAM DATE EITHER!

MANNY'S D'ASSETTO

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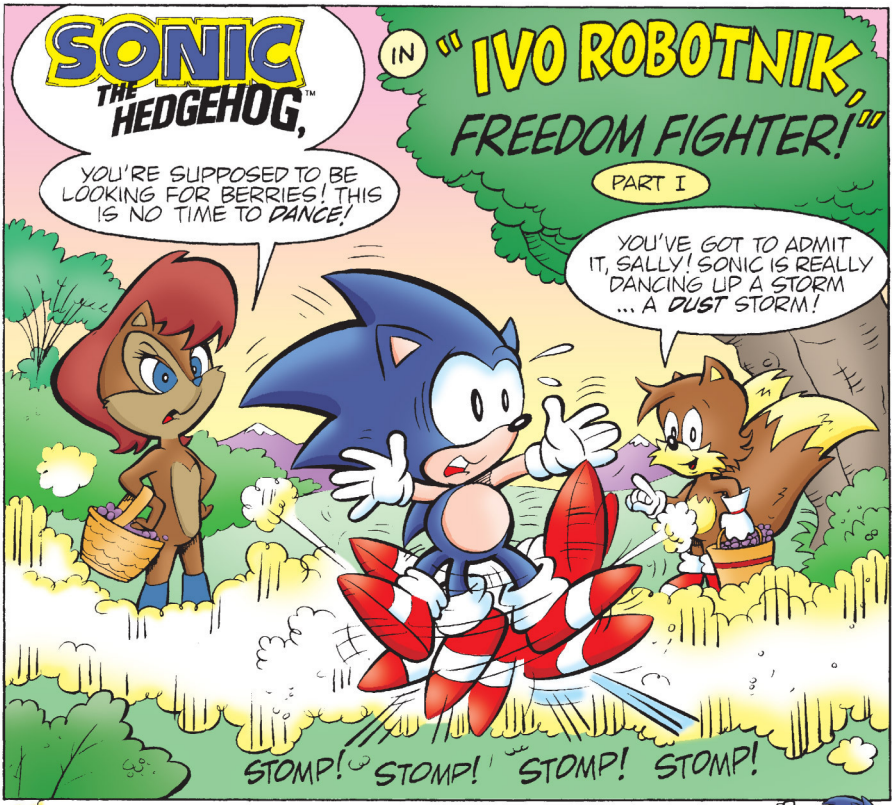
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™,
IN "IVO ROBOTNIK, FREEDOM FIGHTER!"
PART I
YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE LOOKING FOR BERRIES! THIS IS NO TIME TO DANCE!
YOU'VE GOT TO ADMIT IT, SALLY! SONIC IS REALLY DANCING UP A STORM ... A DUST STORM!
STOMP! STOMP! STOMP! STOMP!

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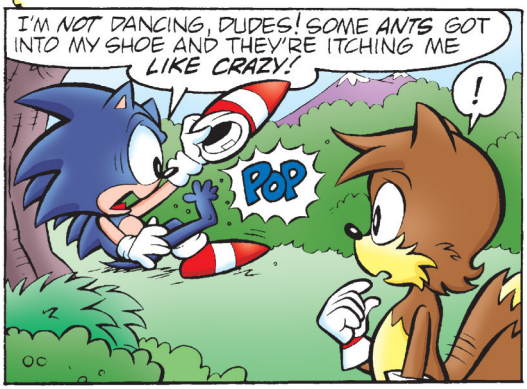

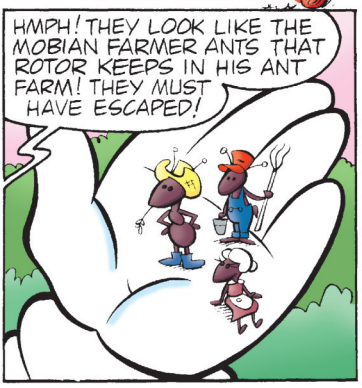

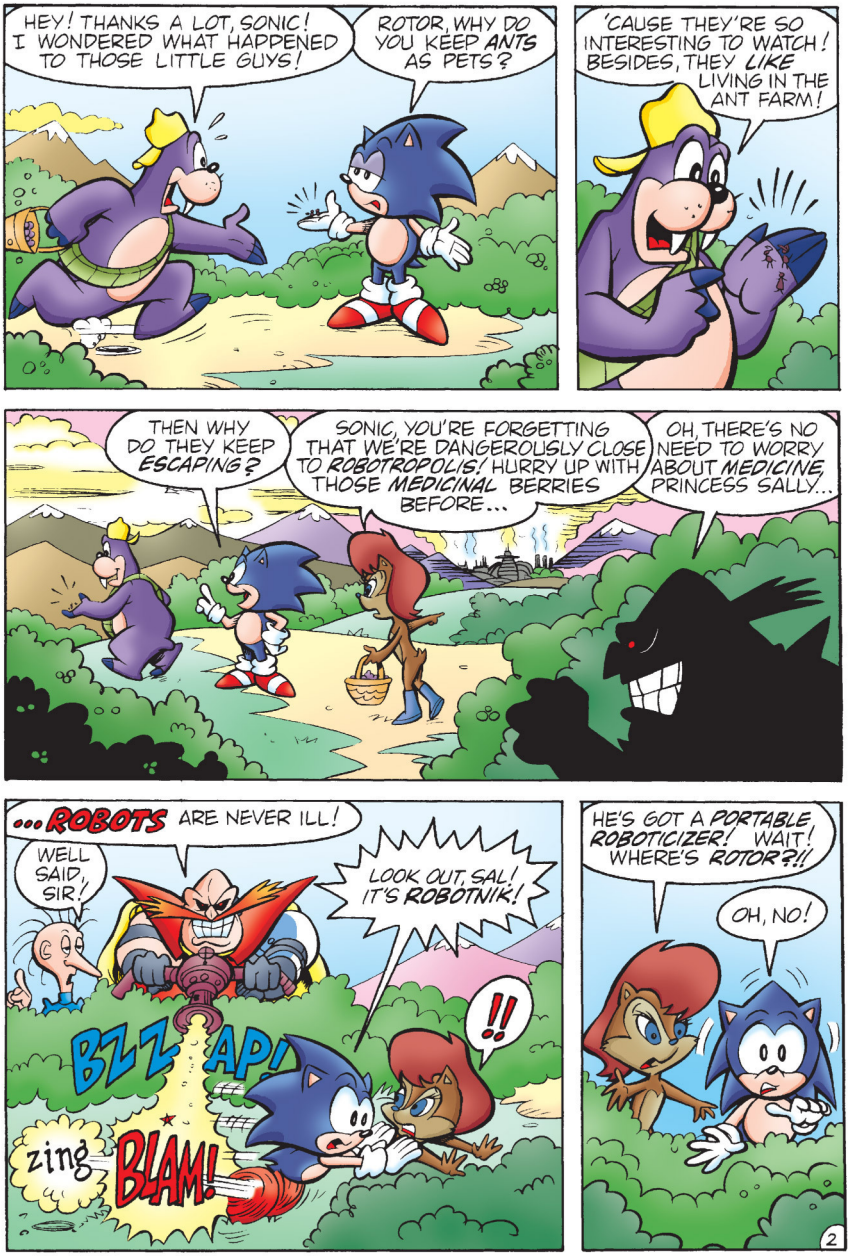
HEY! THANKS A LOT, SONIC! I WONDERED WHAT HAPPENED TO THOSE LITTLE GUYS!
ROTOR, WHY DO YOU KEEP ANTS AS PETS?
'CAUSE THEY'RE SO INTERESTING TO WATCH! BESIDES, THEY LIKE LIVING IN THE ANT FARM!
THEN WHY DO THEY KEEP ESCAPING?
SONIC, YOU'RE FORGETTING THAT WE'RE DANGEROUSLY CLOSE TO ROBOTROPOLIS! HURRY UP WITH THOSE MEDICINAL BERRIES BEFORE...
OH, THERE'S NO NEED TO WORRY ABOUT MEDICINE, PRINCESS SALLY...
...ROBOTS ARE NEVER ILL!
WELL SAID, SIR!
LOOK OUT, SAL! IT'S ROBOTNIK!
!!
BZZ
AP
zing
BLAM!
HE'S GOT A PORTABLE ROBOTICIZER! WAIT! WHERE'S ROTOR?!!
OH, NO!
2

HE'S LOOKING FOR HIS ANTS!
NOW WHERE DID I DROP THEM?
I'VE GOT HIM IN MY SIGHTS, SNIVELY...
...AND THIS TIME I WON'T MISS!
!
...FAST AS FAST CAN BE...
ZOOM!
HEY! WHAT'S GOING UP HERE?
FWOOOOOOM!
WE'RE UP!
?!
!!
HELP!
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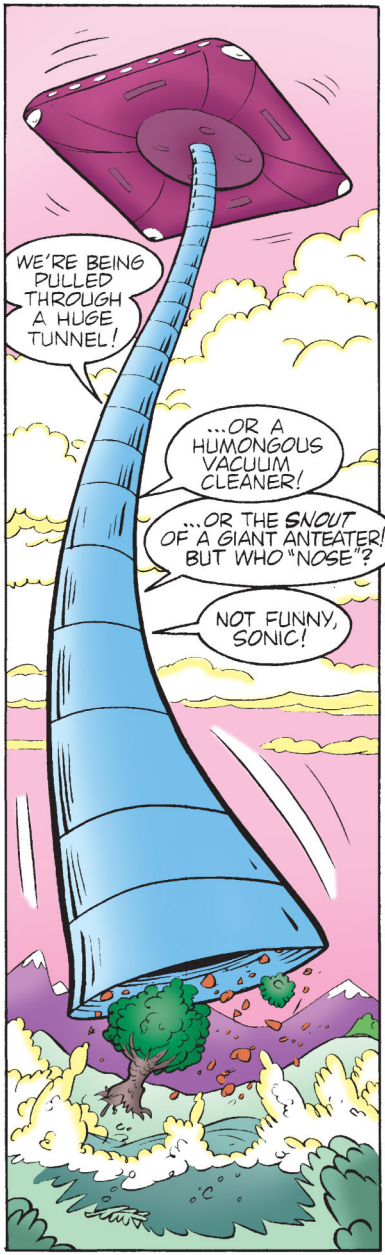
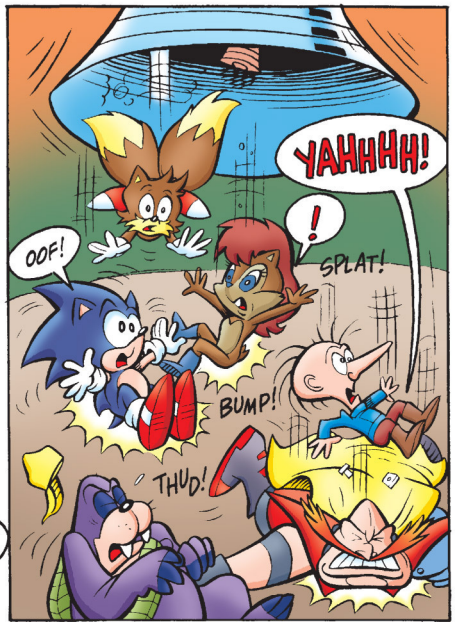
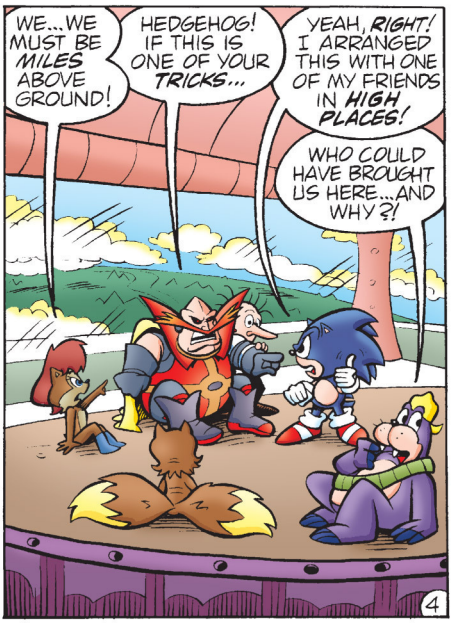
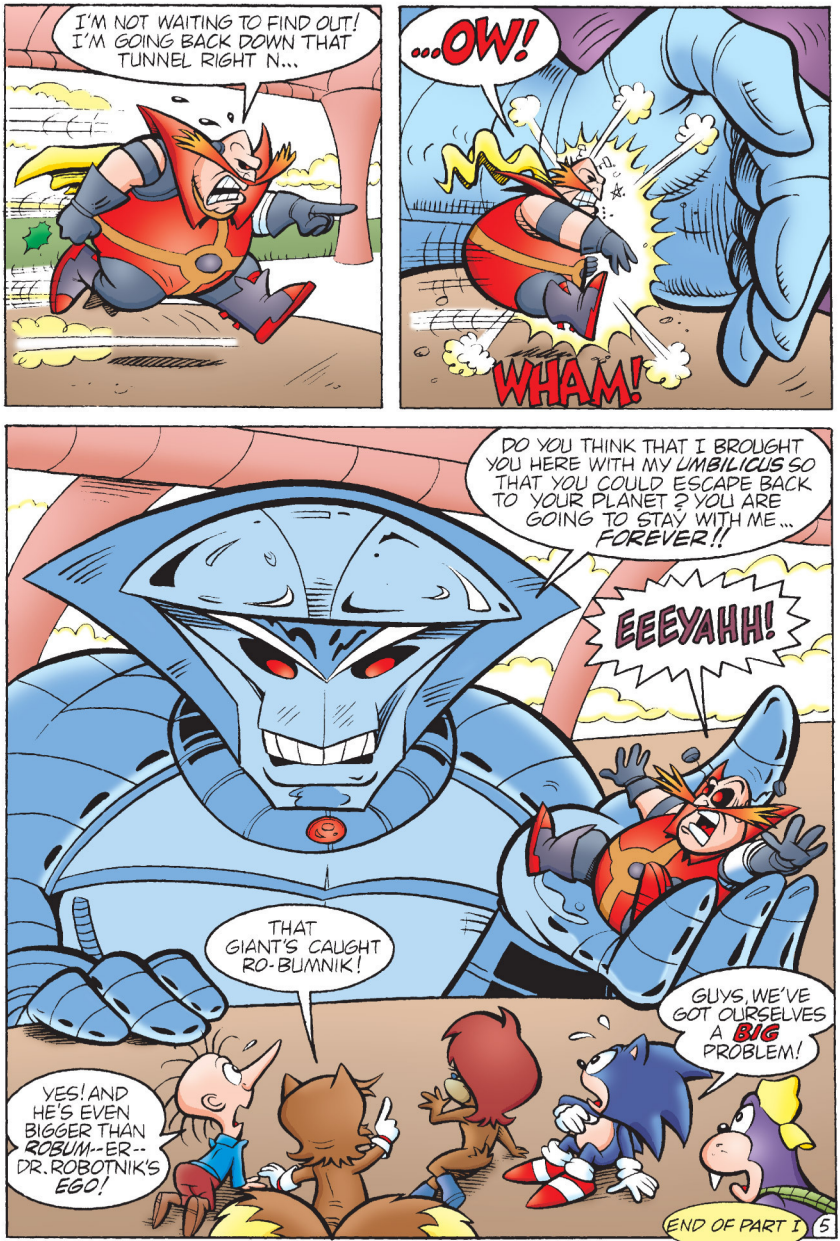

WE'RE BEING PULLED THROUGH A HUGE TUNNEL!
...OR A HUMONGOUS VACUUM CLEANER!
...OR THE SNOUT OF A GIANT ANTEATER! BUT WHO "NOSE"?
NOT FUNNY, SONIC!


YAHHHH!
!
OOF!
SPLAT!
BUMP!
THUD!


WE...WE MUST BE MILES ABOVE GROUND!
HEDGEHOG! IF THIS IS ONE OF YOUR TRICKS...
YEAH, RIGHT! I ARRANGED THIS WITH ONE OF MY FRIENDS IN HIGH PLACES!
WHO COULD HAVE BROUGHT US HERE...AND WHY?!


I'M NOT WAITING TO FIND OUT! I'M GOING BACK DOWN THAT TUNNEL RIGHT N...
...OW!
WHAM!
DO YOU THINK THAT I BROUGHT YOU HERE WITH MY UMBILICUS SO THAT YOU COULD ESCAPE BACK TO YOUR PLANET? YOU ARE GOING TO STAY WITH ME... FOREVER!!
EEEYAHH!
THAT GIANT'S CAUGHT RO-BUMNIK!
GUYS, WE'VE GOT OURSELVES A BIG PROBLEM!
YES! AND HE'S EVEN BIGGER THAN ROBUM--ER-- DR. ROBOTNIK'S EGO!
END OF PART I
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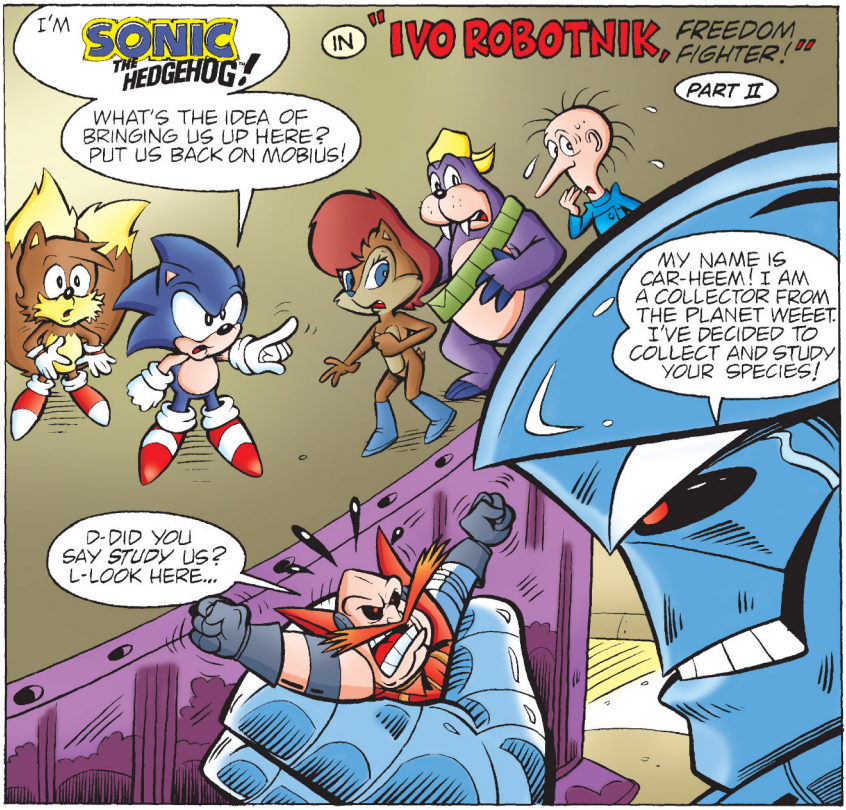
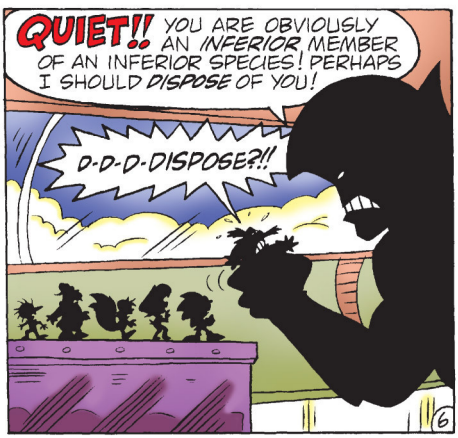
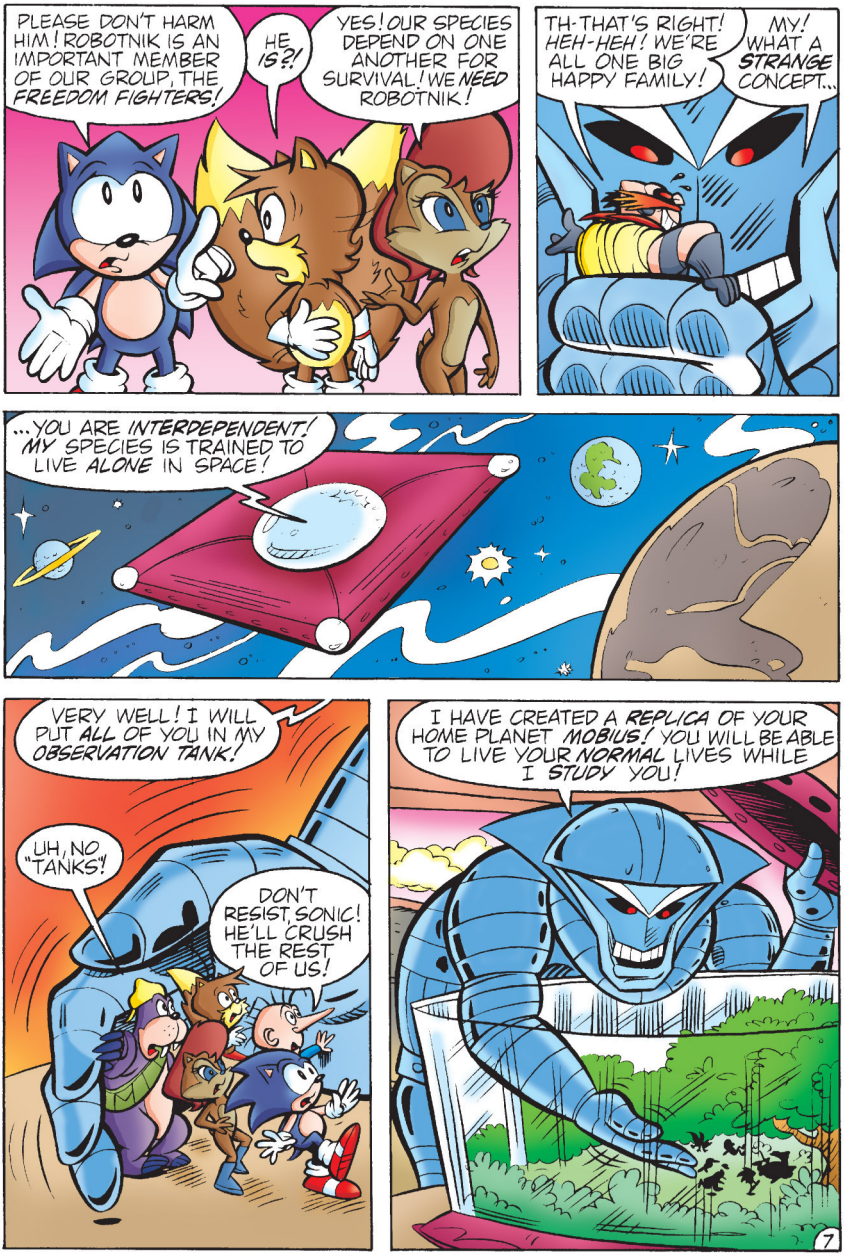
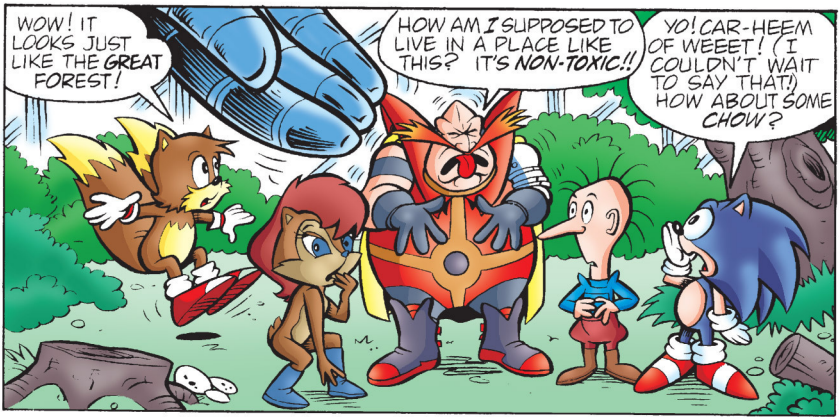
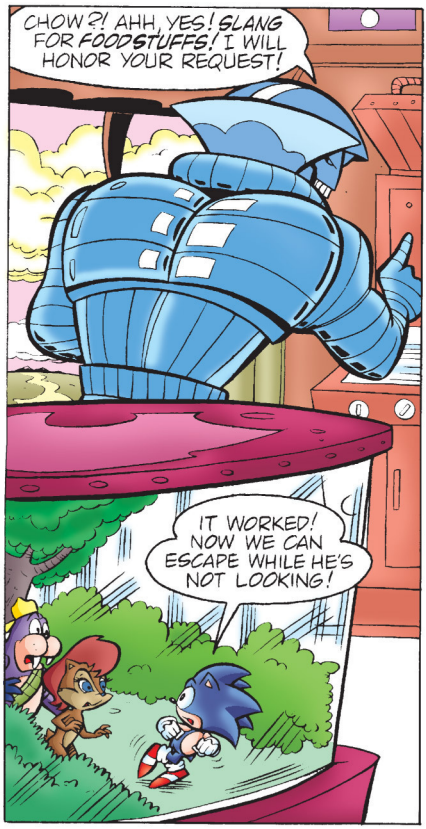

I'M SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!
IN "IVO ROBOTNIK, FREEDOM FIGHTER!"
PART II
WHAT'S THE IDEA OF BRINGING US UP HERE? PUT US BACK ON MOBIUS!
MY NAME IS CAR-HEEM! I AM A COLLECTOR FROM THE PLANET WEEET. I'VE DECIDED TO COLLECT AND STUDY YOUR SPECIES!
D-DID YOU SAY STUDY US? L-LOOK HERE...

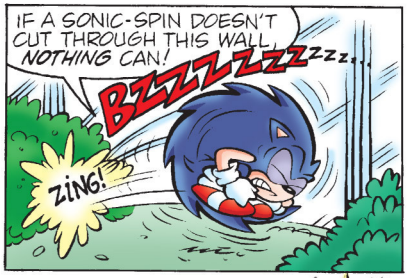
...I'LL GIVE YOU "THE ROBOTNIK GUIDEBOOK"! IT'S ALL ABOUT ME, INCLUDING A CHAPTER ON HOW TO BE EVIL! AND AT THE DISCOUNTED PRICE--A "COLLECTOR'S" DISCOUNT THAT IS--OF ONLY $12.99 YOU CAN'T GO WRONG! SO, KEEP THE OTHERS AND LET ME GO!
THE ROBOTNIK GUIDEBOOK!


QUIET!! YOU ARE OBVIOUSLY AN INFERIOR MEMBER OF AN INFERIOR SPECIES! PERHAPS I SHOULD DISPOSE OF YOU!
D-D-D-DISPOSE?!!

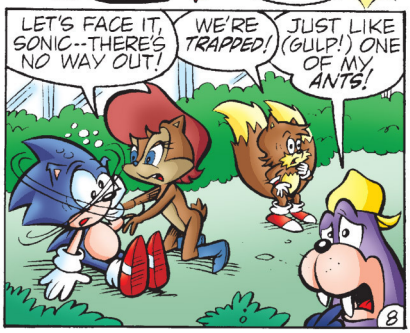

PLEASE DON'T HARM HIM! ROBOTNIK IS AN IMPORTANT MEMBER OF OUR GROUP, THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS!
HE IS?!
YES! OUR SPECIES DEPEND ON ONE ANOTHER FOR SURVIVAL! WE NEED ROBOTNIK!
TH-THAT'S RIGHT! HEH-HEH! WE'RE ALL ONE BIG HAPPY FAMILY!
MY! WHAT A STRANGE CONCEPT...
...YOU ARE INTERDEPENDENT! MY SPECIES IS TRAINED TO LIVE ALONE IN SPACE!
VERY WELL! I WILL PUT ALL OF YOU IN MY OBSERVATION TANK!
UH, NO "TANKS"!
DON'T RESIST, SONIC! HE'LL CRUSH THE REST OF US!
I HAVE CREATED A REPLICA OF YOUR HOME PLANET MOBIUS! YOU WILL BE ABLE TO LIVE YOUR NORMAL LIVES WHILE I STUDY YOU!

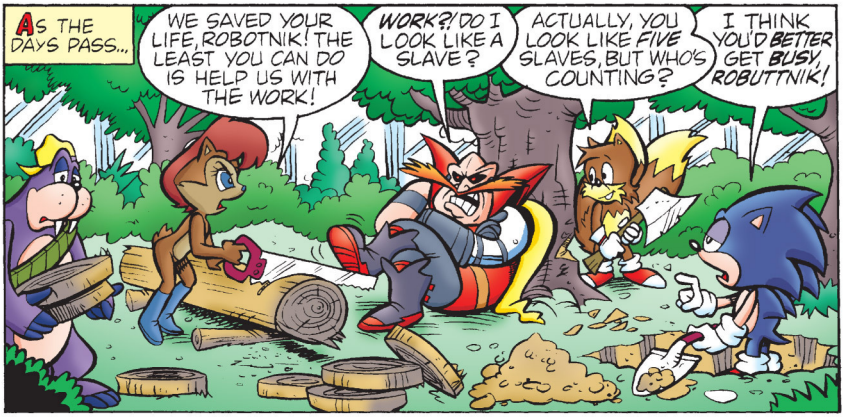

WOW! IT LOOKS JUST LIKE THE GREAT FOREST!
HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO LIVE IN A PLACE LIKE THIS? IT'S NON-TOXIC!!
YO! CAR-HEEM OF WEEET! (I COULDN'T WAIT TO SAY THAT!) HOW ABOUT SOME CHOW?

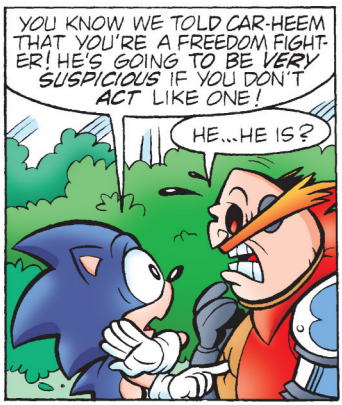

CHOW?! AHH, YES! SLANG FOR FOODSTUFFS! I WILL HONOR YOUR REQUEST!
IT WORKED! NOW WE CAN ESCAPE WHILE HE'S NOT LOOKING!

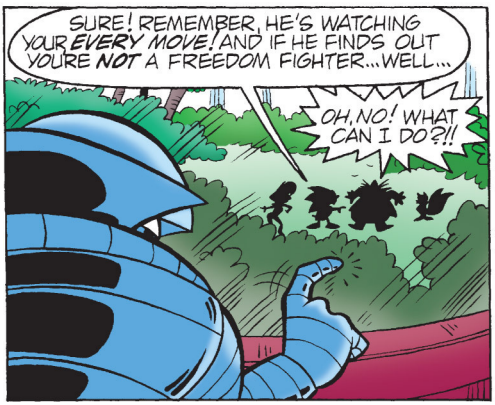

IF A SONIC-SPIN DOESN'T CUT THROUGH THIS WALL, NOTHING CAN!
BZZZZZZZZZzzz...
ZING!

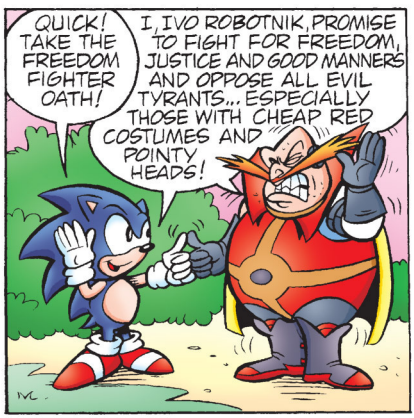
THUNK!
NOTHING CAN!

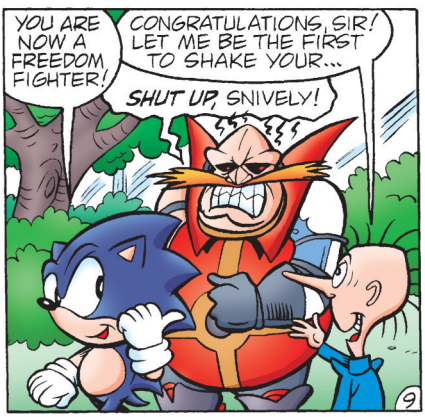

LET'S FACE IT, SONIC--THERE'S NO WAY OUT!
WE'RE TRAPPED!
JUST LIKE (GULP!) ONE OF MY ANTS!

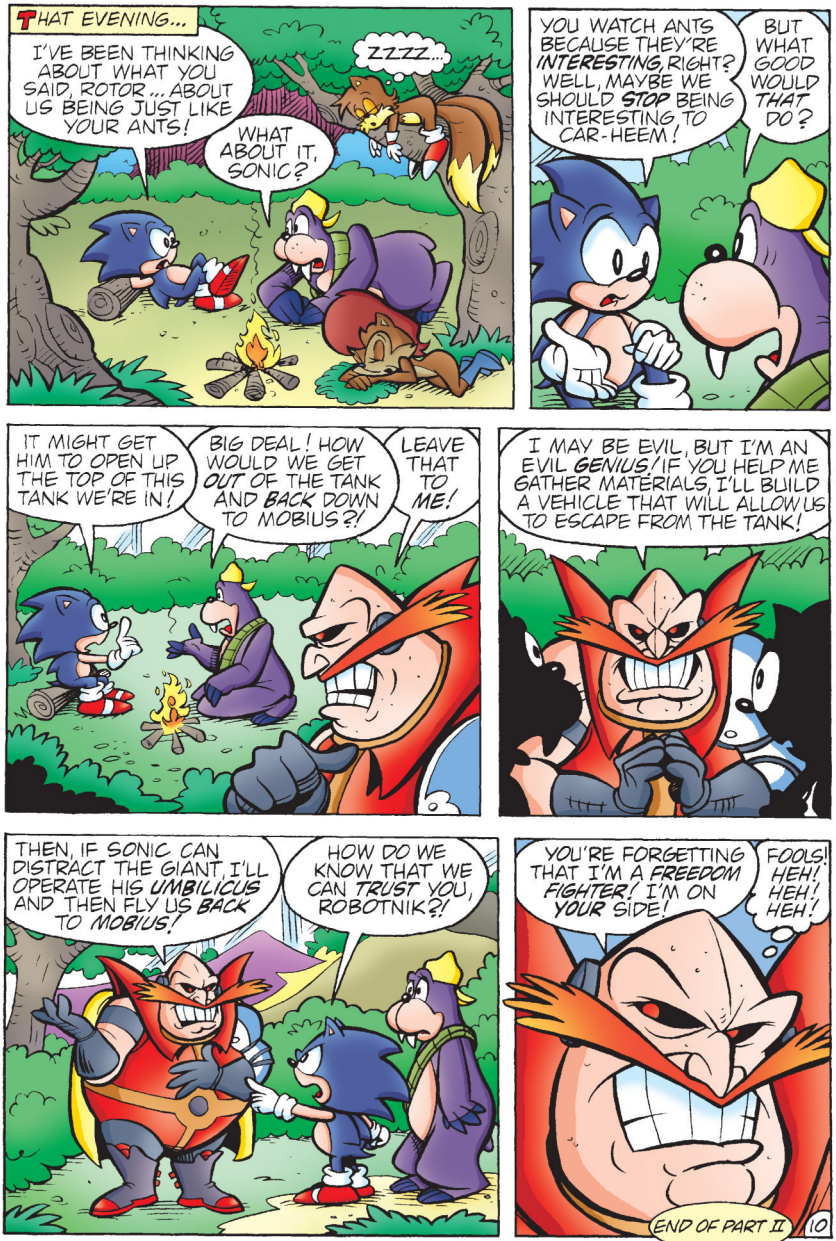

AS THE DAYS PASS...
WE SAVED YOUR LIFE, ROBOTNIK! THE LEAST YOU CAN DO IS HELP US WITH THE WORK!
WORK?! DO I LOOK LIKE A SLAVE?
ACTUALLY, YOU LOOK LIKE FIVE SLAVES, BUT WHO'S COUNTING?
I THINK YOU'D BETTER GET BUSY, ROBUTTNIK!


YOU KNOW WE TOLD CAR-HEEM THAT YOU'RE A FREEDOM FIGHTER! HE'S GOING TO BE VERY SUSPICIOUS IF YOU DON'T ACT LIKE ONE!
HE...HE IS?


SURE! REMEMBER, HE'S WATCHING YOUR EVERY MOVE! AND IF HE FINDS OUT YOU'RE NOT A FREEDOM FIGHTER...WELL...
OH, NO! WHAT CAN I DO?!!


QUICK! TAKE THE FREEDOM FIGHTER OATH!
I, IVO ROBOTNIK, PROMISE TO FIGHT FOR FREEDOM, JUSTICE AND GOOD MANNERS AND OPPOSE ALL EVIL TYRANTS... ESPECIALLY THOSE WITH CHEAP RED COSTUMES AND POINTY HEADS!


YOU ARE NOW A FREEDOM FIGHTER!
CONGRATULATIONS, SIR! LET ME BE THE FIRST TO SHAKE YOUR...
SHUT UP, SNIVELY!


THAT EVENING...
I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT WHAT YOU SAID, ROTOR... ABOUT US BEING JUST LIKE YOUR ANTS!
ZZZZ...
WHAT ABOUT IT, SONIC?
YOU WATCH ANTS BECAUSE THEY'RE INTERESTING, RIGHT? WELL, MAYBE WE SHOULD STOP BEING INTERESTING, TO CAR-HEEM!
BUT WHAT GOOD WOULD THAT DO?
IT MIGHT GET HIM TO OPEN UP THE TOP OF THIS TANK WE'RE IN!
BIG DEAL! HOW WOULD WE GET OUT OF THE TANK AND BACK DOWN TO MOBIUS?!
LEAVE THAT TO ME!
I MAY BE EVIL, BUT I'M AN EVIL GENIUS! IF YOU HELP ME GATHER MATERIALS, I'LL BUILD A VEHICLE THAT WILL ALLOW US TO ESCAPE FROM THE TANK!
THEN, IF SONIC CAN DISTRACT THE GIANT, I'LL OPERATE HIS UMBILICUS AND THEN FLY US BACK TO MOBIUS!
HOW DO WE KNOW THAT WE CAN TRUST YOU, ROBOTNIK?!
YOU'RE FORGETTING THAT I'M A FREEDOM FIGHTER! I'M ON YOUR SIDE!
FOOLS! HEH! HEH! HEH!
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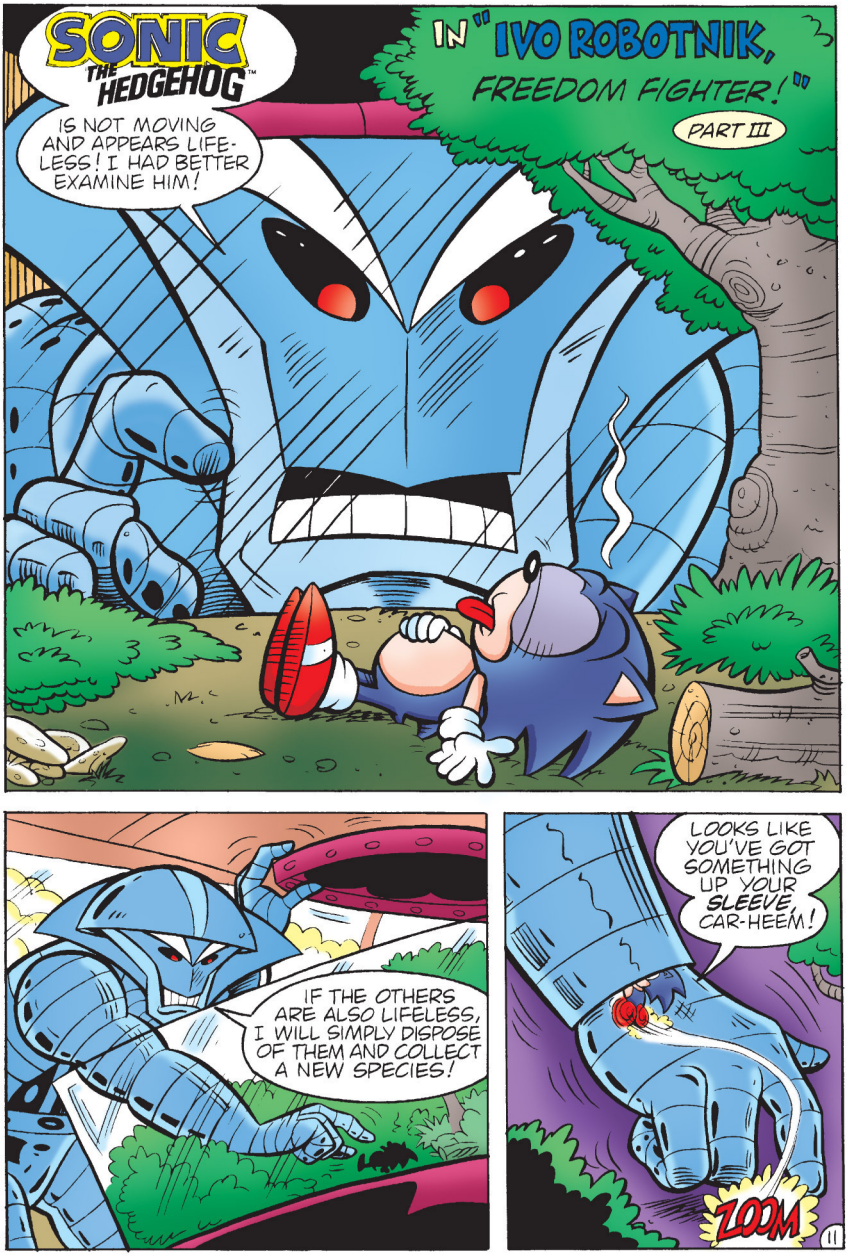
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PART III
IS NOT MOVING AND APPEARS LIFELESS! I HAD BETTER EXAMINE HIM!
IF THE OTHERS ARE ALSO LIFELESS, I WILL SIMPLY DISPOSE OF THEM AND COLLECT A NEW SPECIES!
LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE GOT SOMETHING UP YOUR SLEEVE, CAR-HEEM!
ZOOM
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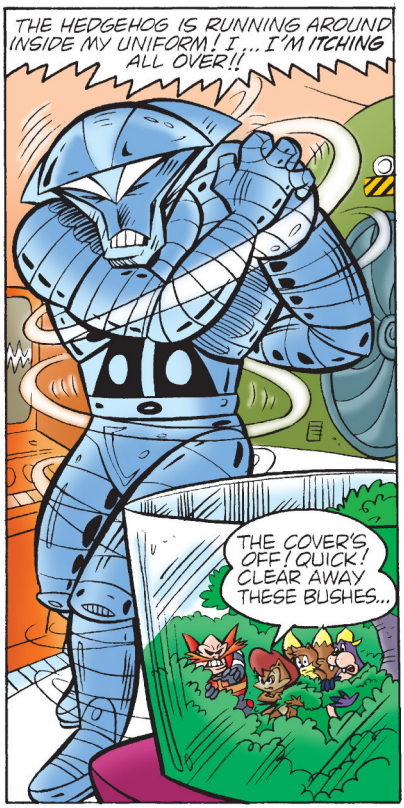
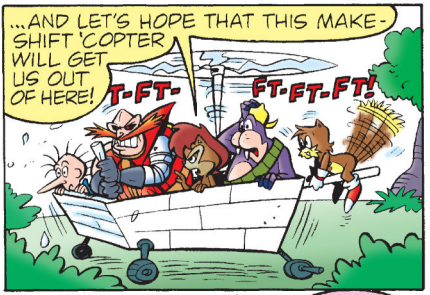
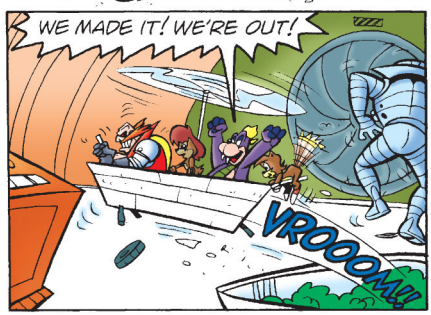
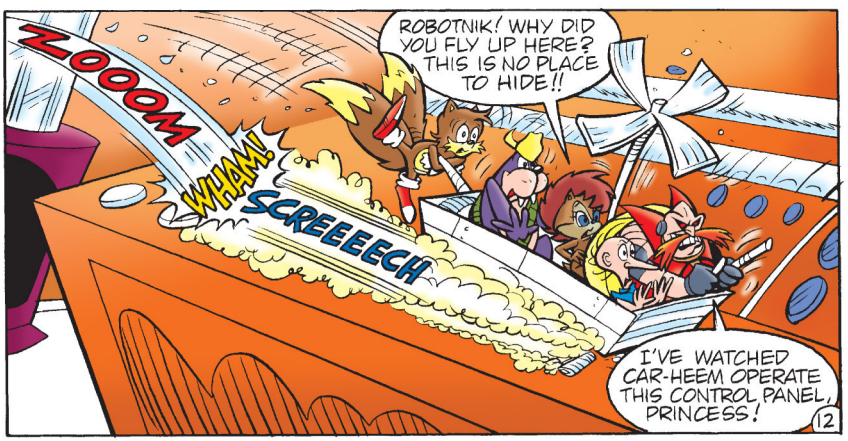
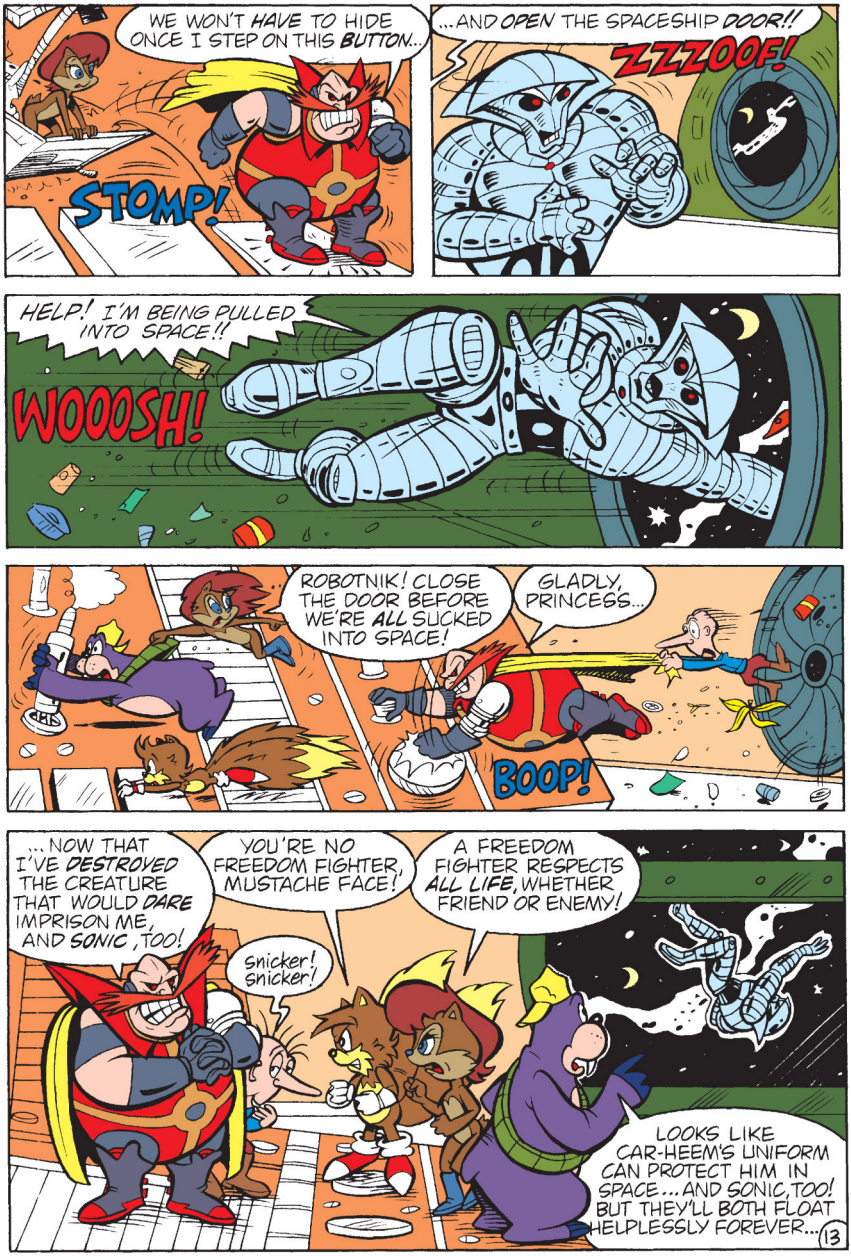

THE HEDGEHOG IS RUNNING AROUND INSIDE MY UNIFORM! I... I'M ITCHING ALL OVER!!
THE COVER'S OFF! QUICK! CLEAR AWAY THESE BUSHES...

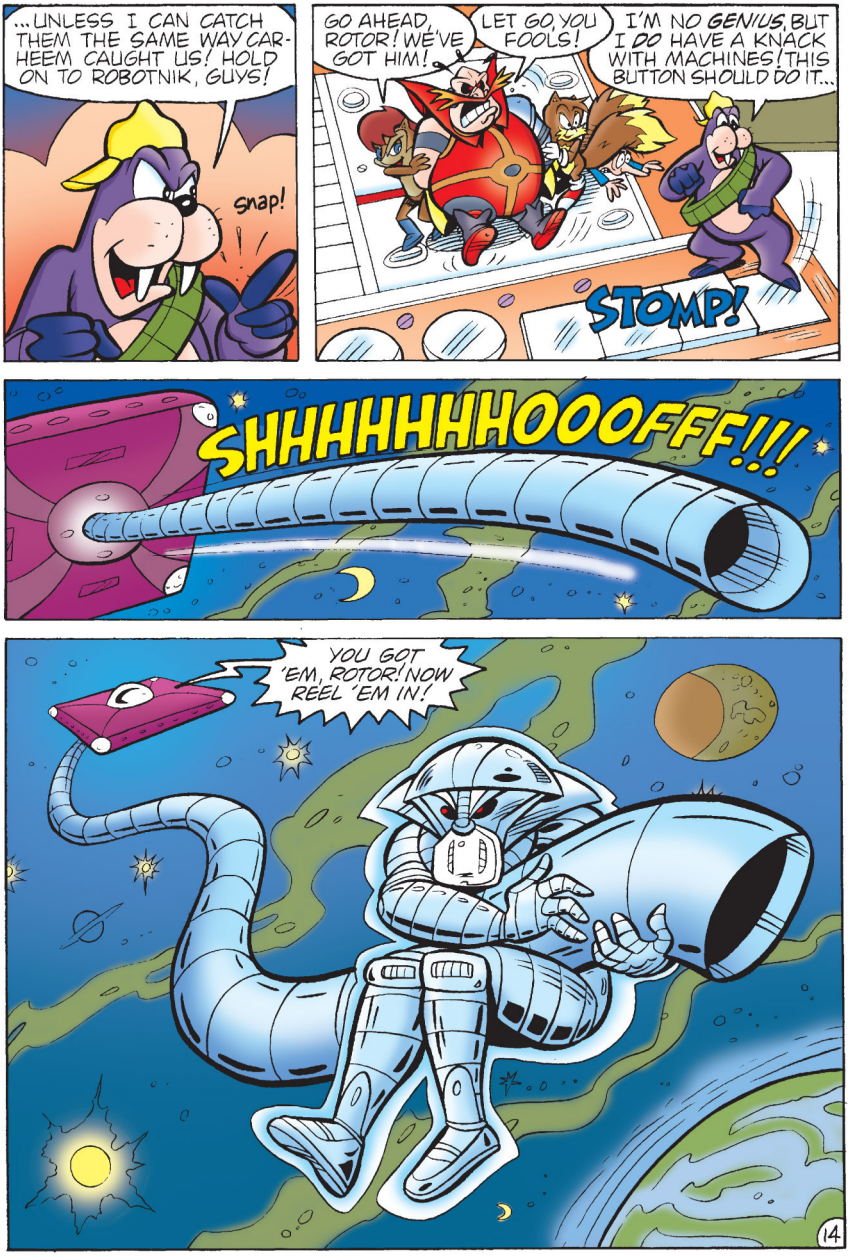

...AND LET'S HOPE THAT THIS MAKE-SHIFT 'COPTER WILL GET US OUT OF HERE!
T-FT-
FT-FT-FT!

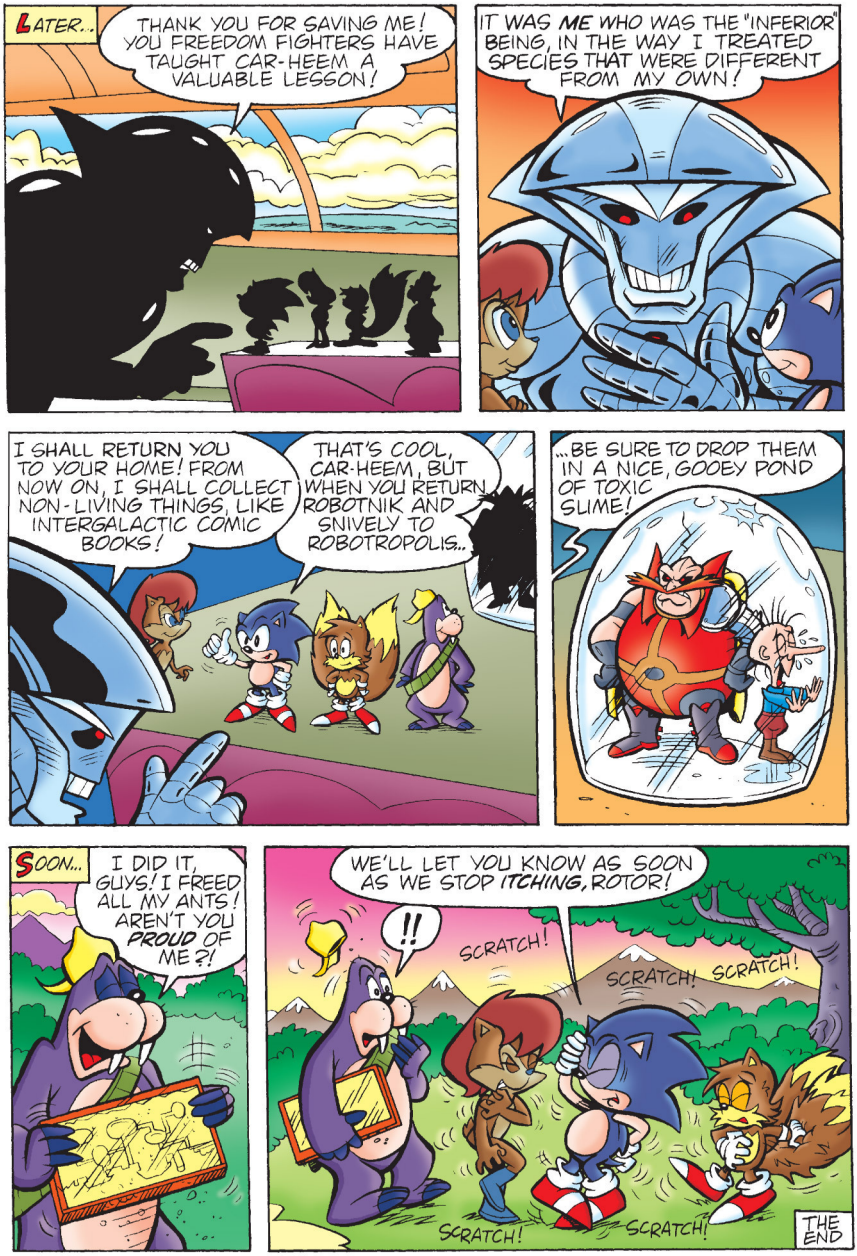
READY? ONE... TWO... THREE...
BUMP! BUMP!

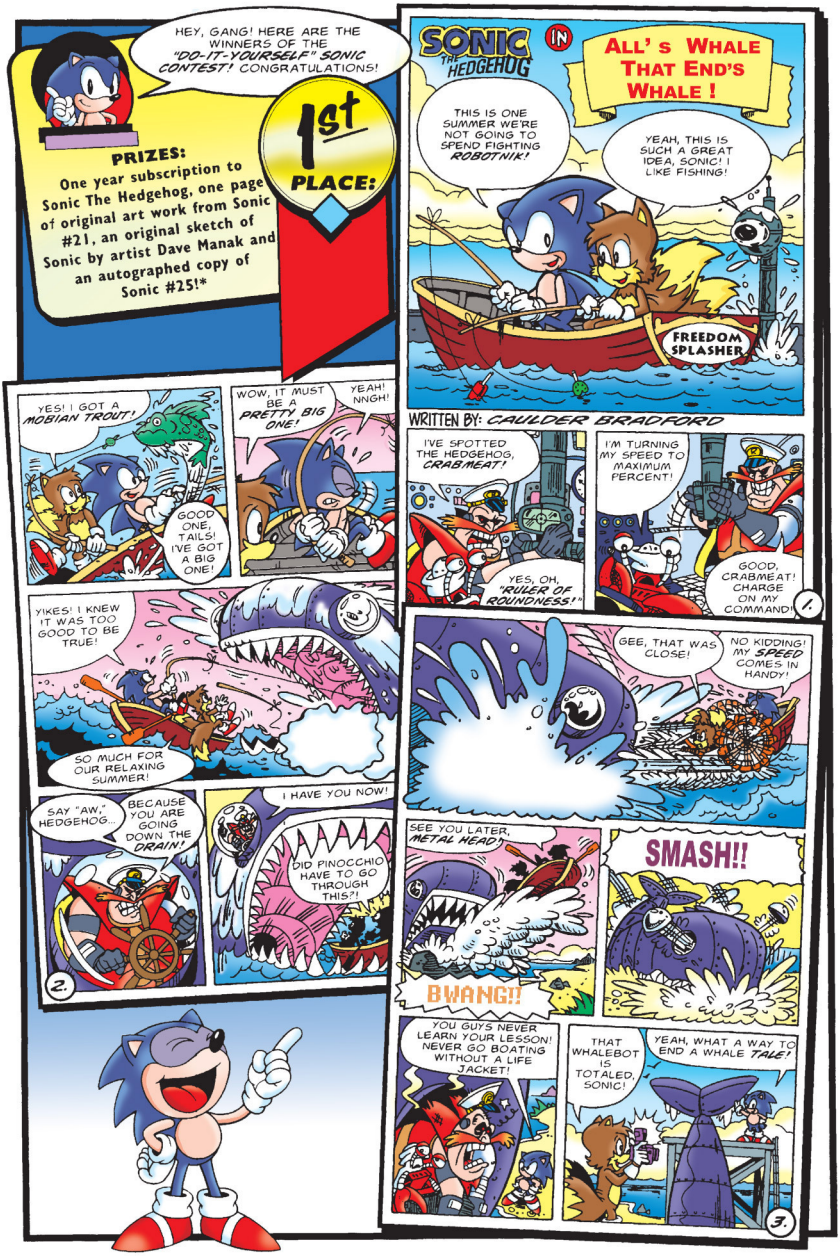

WE MADE IT! WE'RE OUT!
VROOOM!


ROBOTNIK! WHY DID YOU FLY UP HERE? THIS IS NO PLACE TO HIDE!!
WOOOM
WHAM!
SCREEEECH
I'VE WATCHED CAR-HEEM OPERATE THIS CONTROL PANEL, PRINCESS!


WE WON'T HAVE TO HIDE ONCE I STEP ON THIS BUTTON...
STOMP!
...AND OPEN THE SPACESHIP DOOR!!
ZZZOOF!
HELP! I'M BEING PULLED INTO SPACE!!
WOOOSH!
ROBOTNIK! CLOSE THE DOOR BEFORE WE'RE ALL SUCKED INTO SPACE!
GLADLY, PRINCESS...
BOOP!
...NOW THAT I'VE DESTROYED THE CREATURE THAT WOULD DARE IMPRISON ME, AND SONIC, TOO!
YOU'RE NO FREEDOM FIGHTER, MUSTACHE FACE!
A FREEDOM FIGHTER RESPECTS ALL LIFE, WHETHER FRIEND OR ENEMY!
snicker! snicker!
LOOKS LIKE CAR-HEEM'S UNIFORM CAN PROTECT HIM IN SPACE... AND SONIC, TOO! BUT THEY'LL BOTH FLOAT HELPLESSLY FOREVER...


...UNLESS I CAN CATCH THEM THE SAME WAY CAR-HEEM CAUGHT US! HOLD ON TO ROBOTNIK, GUYS!
Snap!
GO AHEAD, ROTOR! WE'VE GOT HIM!
LET GO, YOU FOOLS!
I'M NO GENIUS, BUT I DO HAVE A KNACK WITH MACHINES! THIS BUTTON SHOULD DO IT...
STOMP!
SHHHHHHHOOOFFF!!!
YOU GOT 'EM, ROTOR! NOW REEL 'EM IN!


LATER..
THANK YOU FOR SAVING ME! YOU FREEDOM FIGHTERS HAVE TAUGHT CAR-HEEM A VALUABLE LESSON!
IT WAS ME WHO WAS THE "INFERIOR" BEING, IN THE WAY I TREATED SPECIES THAT WERE DIFFERENT FROM MY OWN!
I SHALL RETURN YOU TO YOUR HOME! FROM NOW ON, I SHALL COLLECT NON-LIVING THINGS, LIKE INTERGALACTIC COMIC BOOKS!
THAT'S COOL, CAR-HEEM, BUT WHEN YOU RETURN ROBOTNIK AND SNIVELY TO ROBOTROPOLIS...
...BE SURE TO DROP THEM IN A NICE, GOOEY POND OF TOXIC SLIME!
SOON...
I DID IT, GUYS! I FREED ALL MY ANTS! AREN'T YOU PROUD OF ME?!
WE'LL LET YOU KNOW AS SOON AS WE STOP ITCHING, ROTOR!
!!
SCRATCH!
SCRATCH! SCRATCH!
SCRATCH!
SCRATCH!
THE END


HEY, GANG! HERE ARE THE WINNERS OF THE "DO-IT-YOURSELF" SONIC CONTEST! CONGRATULATIONS!
1st PLACE:
PRIZES:
One year subscription to Sonic The Hedgehog, one page of original art work from Sonic #21, an original sketch of Sonic by artist Dave Manak and an autographed copy of Sonic #25!*
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG IN
ALL' S WHALE THAT END'S WHALE !
THIS IS ONE SUMMER WE'RE NOT GOING TO SPEND FIGHTING ROBOTNIK!
YEAH, THIS IS SUCH A GREAT IDEA, SONIC! I LIKE FISHING!
FREEDOM SPLASHER
WRITTEN BY: CAULDER BRADFORD
YES! I GOT A MOBIAN TROUT!
GOOD ONE, TAILS! I'VE GOT A BIG ONE!
WOW, IT MUST BE A PRETTY BIG ONE!
YEAH! NNGH!
I'VE SPOTTED THE HEDGEHOG, CRABMEAT!
YES, OH, "RULER OF ROUNDNESS!"
I'M TURNING MY SPEED TO MAXIMUM FERCENT!
GOOD, CRABMEAT! CHARGE ON MY COMMAND!
1.
YIKES! I KNEW IT WAS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE!
SO MUCH FOR OUR RELAXING SUMMER!
GEE, THAT WAS CLOSE!
NO KIDDING! MY SPEED COMES IN HANDY!
SAY "AW," HEDGEHOG...
BECAUSE YOU ARE GOING DOWN THE DRAIN!
I HAVE YOU NOW!
DID PINOCCHIO HAVE TO GO THROUGH THIS?!
2.
SEE YOU LATER, METAL HEAD!
BWANG!!
SMASH!!
YOU GUYS NEVER LEARN YOUR LESSON! NEVER GO BOATING WITHOUT A LIFE JACKET!
THAT WHALEBOT IS TOTALED, SONIC!
YEAH, WHAT A WAY TO END A WHALE TALE!
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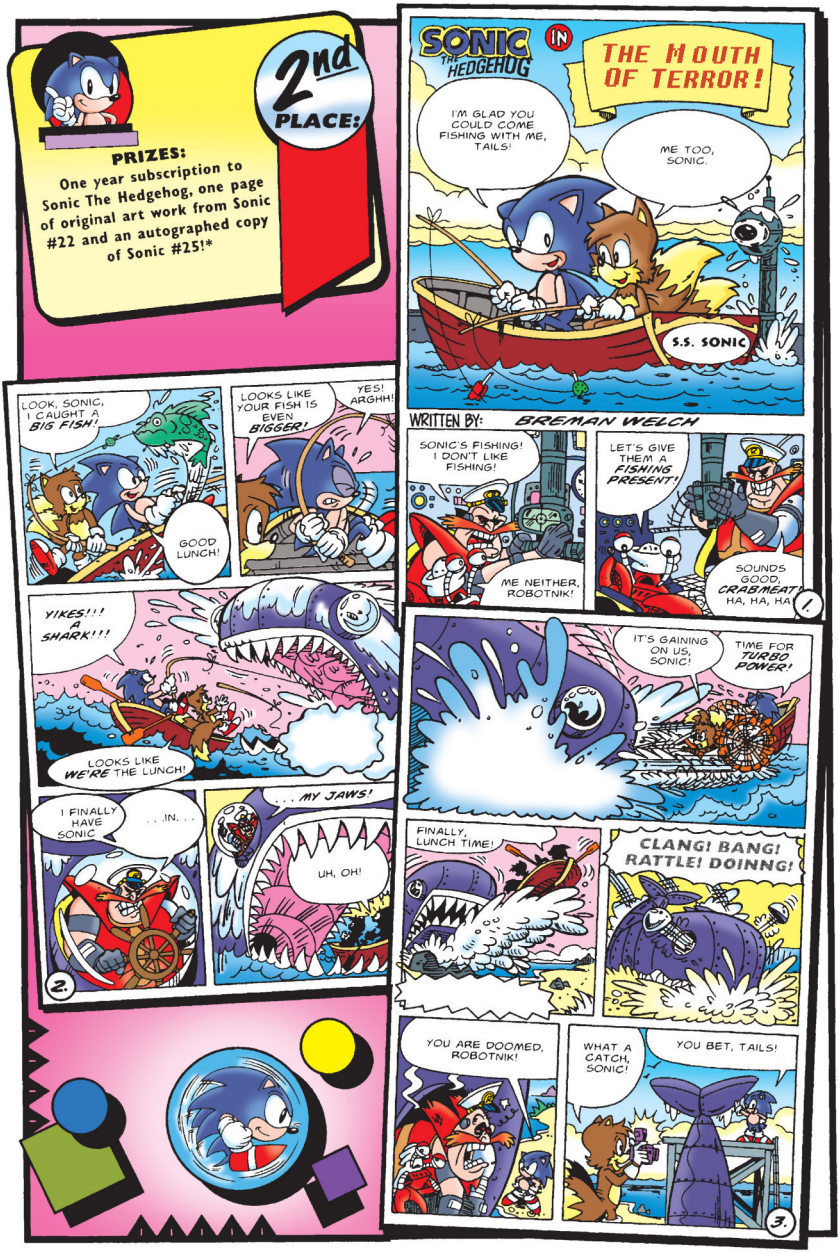
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SONIC THE HEDGEHOG IN
THE MOUTH OF TERROR!
I'M GLAD YOU COULD COME FISHING WITH ME, TAILS!
ME TOO, SONIC.
S.S. SONIC
WRITTEN BY: BREMAN WELCH
SONIC'S FISHING! I DON'T LIKE FISHING!
ME NEITHER, ROBOTNIK!
LET'S GIVE THEM A FISHING PRESENT!
SOUNDS GOOD, CRAG-MEAT! HA, HA, HA!
1.
LOOK, SONIC, I CAUGHT A BIG FISH!
GOOD LUNCH!
LOOKS LIKE YOUR FISH IS EVEN BIGGER!
YES! ARGHH!
YIKES!!! A SHARK!!!
LOOKS LIKE WE'RE THE LUNCH!
I FINALLY HAVE SONIC
. . . IN. . .
. . . MY JAWS!
UH, OH!
2.
IT'S GAINING ON US, SONIC!
TIME FOR TURBO POWER!
FINALLY, LUNCH TIME!
CLANG! BANG! RATTLE! DOINNG!
YOU ARE DOOMED, ROBOTNIK!
WHAT A CATCH, SONIC!
YOU BET, TAILS!
3.

3RD PLACE:
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SONIC THE HEDGEHOG IN SONIC'S SURPRISE
AT LAST! WE FINALLY CAN HAVE A LITTLE VACATION.
YA! AND THE BEST PART IS THAT ROBOTNIK ISN'T AROUND!
S AND T
SONIC & TAILS
WRITTEN, DRAWN, AND COLORED BY: Kenny JANDA
WRONG! I'LL TWO TAILED TWIT! SONIC IS RIGHT ABOUT US!
AYE AYE OH KEEPER OF THE SPARE TIRE!
ARE WE GOING TO CAPTURE THEM AS ALL WAYS?
WOULD I BE A POWER HUNGRY MAD TYRANT IF I DIDN'T?
1.
LOOK AT THIS! IT'S A BIG ONE!
WHAT'S THE MATTER, SONIC?
HE'S A STUBBORN LITTLE FISH!
WHAT'S GREAT ABOUT TAILS? I GOT ONE TOO.
EEEE! IT'S A GIANT WHALE!
LOOKS LIKE WE'RE FISH FOOD!
ROAR
THAT'S RIGHT SONIC AND MY WHALE IS VERY HUNGRY!
I KNOW WHAT TO FEED HIM!
K-F-S AND TAILS!
HO, NO! LOOK'S LIKE WE'RE GOING TO TAKE PINOCCHIO'S PLACE!
KENTUCKY FRIED SONIC.
2.
SPLASH
FULL SPEED BEHIND!
I'M ROLLING AS FAST AS I CAN!
I HAVE AN IDEA! LET'S BEACH THIS WHALE!
RROOARR!
KA-BOOM
WELL IF IT ISN'T MOTOR MOUTH! YOU LOSE AGAIN 10-W-40 BREATH!
SMILE FOR THE CAMERA SONIC!
HEY, TAILS, LET'S ENTER THAT FISHING CONTEST MAYBE WE JUST MIGHT WIN!
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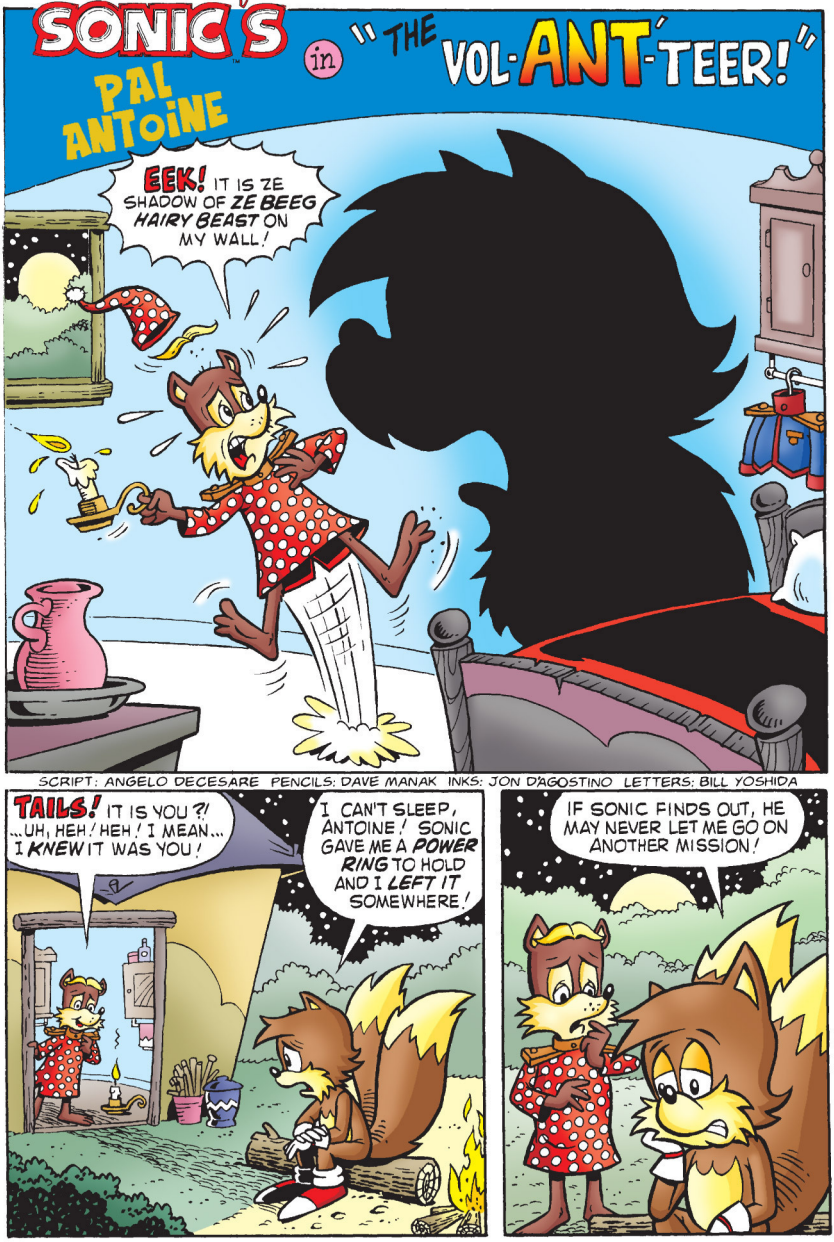
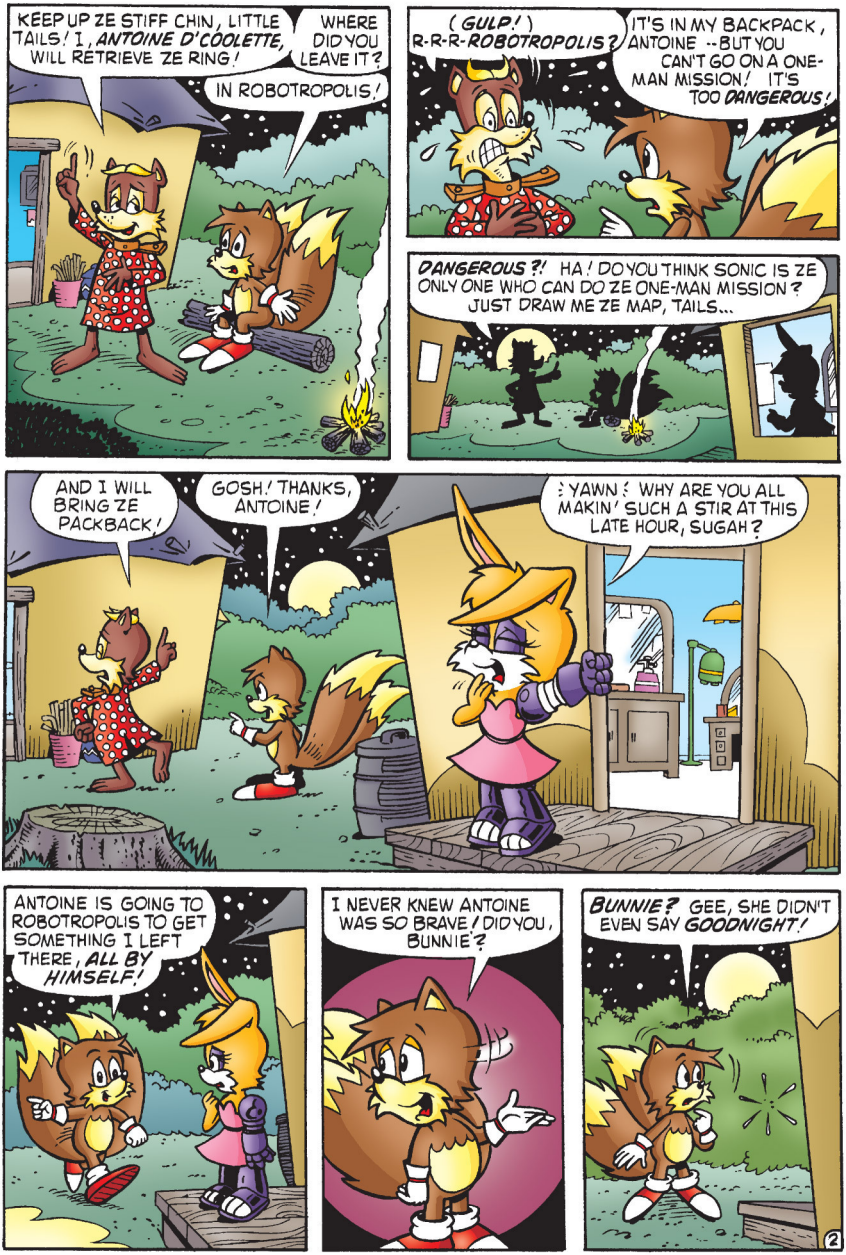

SONIC'S PAL ANTOINE
in "THE VOL-ANT-TEER!"
EEK! IT IS ZE SHADOW OF ZE BEEG HAIRY BEAST ON MY WALL!
SCRIPT: ANGELO DECESARE PENCILS: DAVE MANAK INKS: JON D'AGOSTINO LETTERS: BILL YOSHIDA
TAILS! IT IS YOU?! ...UH, HEH! HEH! I MEAN... I KNEW IT WAS YOU!
I CAN'T SLEEP, ANTOINE! SONIC GAVE ME A POWER RING TO HOLD AND I LEFT IT SOMEWHERE!
IF SONIC FINDS OUT, HE MAY NEVER LET ME GO ON ANOTHER MISSION!


KEEP UP ZE STIFF CHIN, LITTLE TAILS! I, ANTOINE D'COOLETTE, WILL RETRIEVE ZE RING!
WHERE DID YOU LEAVE IT?
IN ROBOTROPOLIS!
(GULP!) R-R-R-ROBOTROPOLIS?
IT'S IN MY BACKPACK, ANTOINE --BUT YOU CAN'T GO ON A ONE-MAN MISSION! IT'S TOO DANGEROUS!
DANGEROUS?! HA! DO YOU THINK SONIC IS ZE ONLY ONE WHO CAN DO ZE ONE-MAN MISSION? JUST DRAW ME ZE MAP, TAILS...
AND I WILL BRING ZE PACKBACK!
GOSH! THANKS, ANTOINE!
:YAWN: WHY ARE YOU ALL MAKIN' SUCH A STIR AT THIS LATE HOUR, SUGAH?
ANTOINE IS GOING TO ROBOTROPOLIS TO GET SOMETHING I LEFT THERE, ALL BY HIMSELF!
I NEVER KNEW ANTOINE WAS SO BRAVE! DID YOU, BUNNIE?
BUNNIE? GEE, SHE DIDN'T EVEN SAY GOODNIGHT!
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A ROBOTROPOLIS STREET, AFTER MIDNIGHT...
WELL, SO FAR I AM SO GOOD!
...BE ZE DARKNESS IS MUCH TOO MUCH!
NOW, ACCORDING TO ZE MAP, I...
EH? WHAT IS ZAT SOUND?
RRROARR!
INTRUDER ALERT!
RROARR!!
HOW CAN I CONCENTRATE WITH SUCH NOISE?
CLANG!
OOCH! MY EARS!
K-BLANG!
CRASH!!
PHOOEY ON ZE NOISY STREET! I WILL FIND ANOTHER EXIT!
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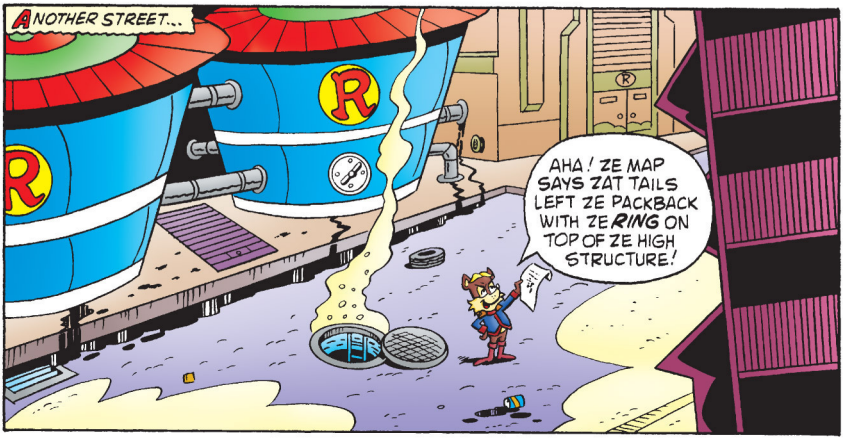
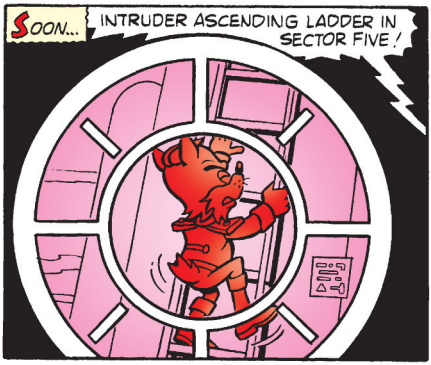

ANOTHER STREET...
AHA! ZE MAP SAYS ZAT TAILS LEFT ZE PACKBACK WITH ZE RING ON TOP OF ZE HIGH STRUCTURE!

BUT SINCE I CANNOT FLY, LIKE TAILS...
...I WILL HAVE TO CLIMB UP ZE LADDER, LIKE ME!


SOON...
INTRUDER ASCENDING LADDER IN SECTOR FIVE!

WHEW! I HAVE MADE IT. NOW I CAN OPEN ZE EYES AND... THERE IS ZE PACKBACK!
WE MUST CAPTURE THE INTRUDER AND HAND HIM OVER TO ROBOTNIK FOR ROBOTICIZATION!
AFFIRM...
...ATIVE
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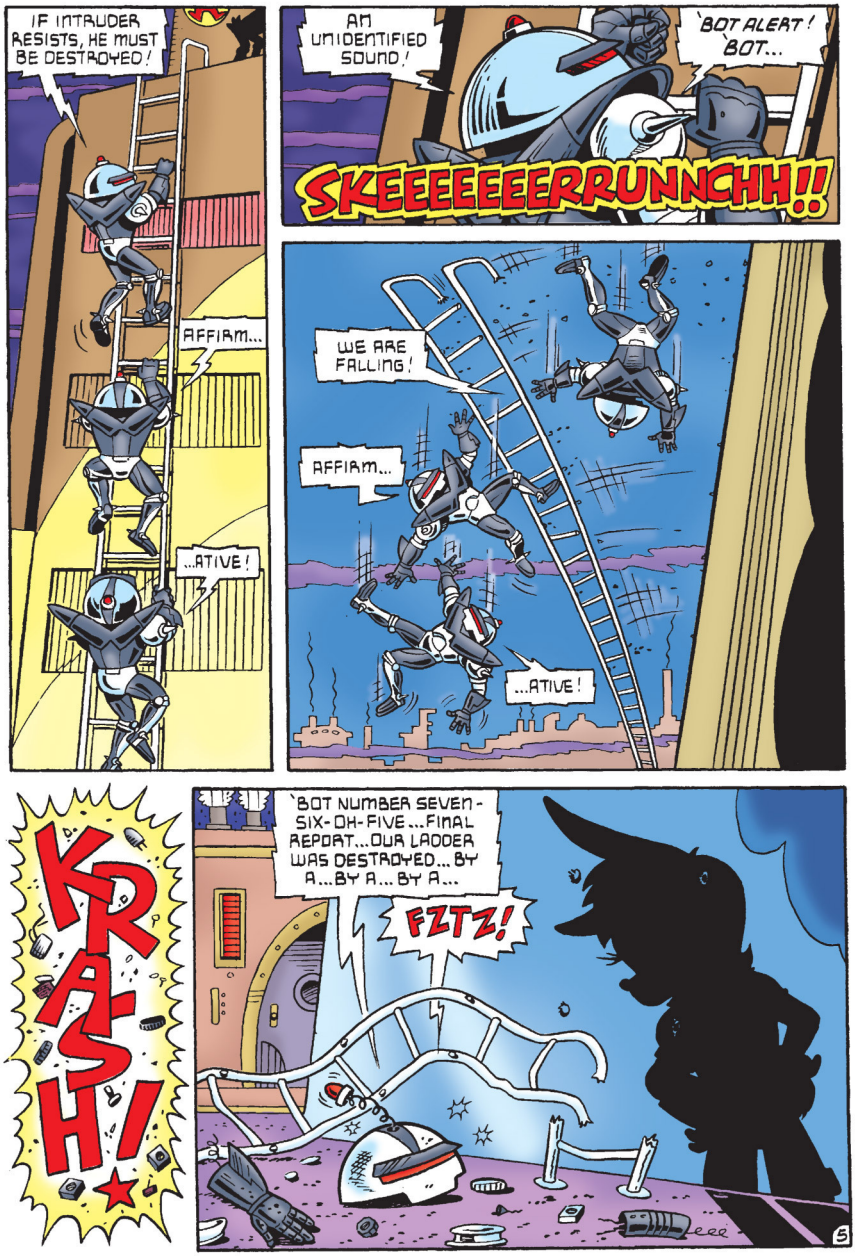
IF INTRUDER RESISTS, HE MUST BE DESTROYED!
AFFIRM...
...ATIVE!
AN UNIDENTIFIED SOUND!
`BOT ALERT! `BOT...
SKEEEEEEERRUNNCHH!!
WE ARE FALLING!
AFFIRM...
...ATIVE!
KRASH!
`BOT NUMBER SEVEN-SIX-OH-FIVE...FINAL REPORT...OUR LADDER WAS DESTROYED... BY A...BY A...BY A...
FZTZ!
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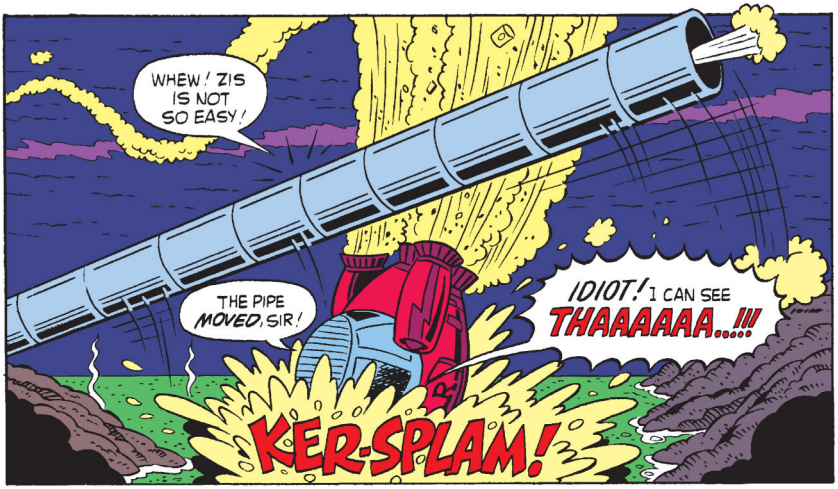
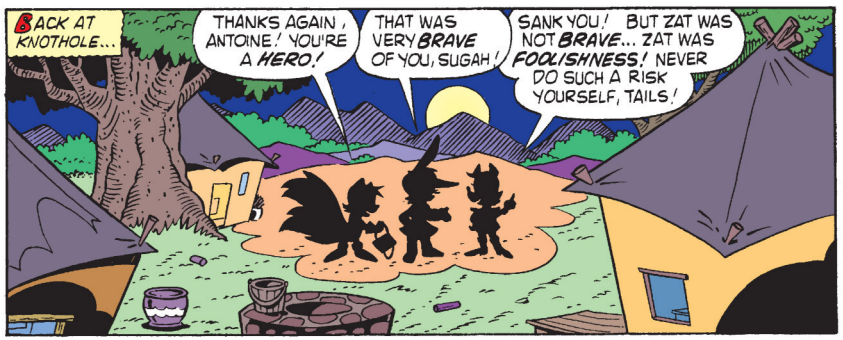
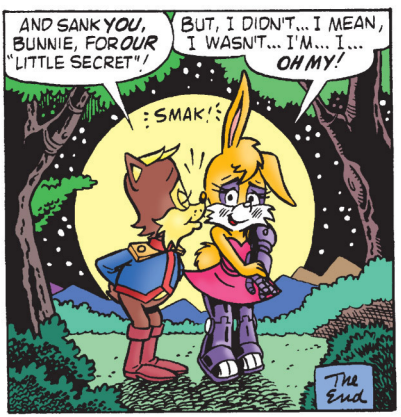
A WHILE LATER...
LIKE ZE CHICKEN ACROSS ZE ROAD, I MUST CRAWL TO ZE OTHER SIDE! BUT EEF I FALL, I LAND RIGHT IN ZE TOXIC OOZE!
SO! I WILL GO ACROSS INSIDE ZE PIPE!
THERE HE IS, SIR! GOING INTO THAT PIPE ...
...BUT ACCORDING TO THE SENSORS, THERE MAY BE ANOTHER BEING!
NEVER MIND, SNIVELY! I INTERRUPTED A PLEASANT NIGHTMARE TO PERSONALLY CATCH THIS INTRUDER!
...NOW SMASH THAT PIPE WITH OUR HOVER-CRAFT!
AS YOU WISH, SIR!
BRRZOOM!


WHEW! ZIS IS NOT SO EASY!
THE PIPE MOVED, SIR!
IDIOT! I CAN SEE THAAAAAA...!!!
KER-SPLAM!


BACK AT KNOTHOLE...
THANKS AGAIN, ANTOINE! YOU'RE A HERO!
THAT WAS VERY BRAVE OF YOU, SUGAH!
SANK YOU! BUT ZAT WAS NOT BRAVE... ZAT WAS FOOLISHNESS! NEVER DO SUCH A RISK YOURSELF, TAILS!

...AND PLEASE DO NOT MENTION MY FOOLISHNESS TO THE OTHERS!
GOTCHA! IT'LL BE OUR LITTLE SECRET! G'NIGHT!


AND SANK YOU, BUNNIE, FOR OUR "LITTLE SECRET"!
BUT, I DIDN'T... I MEAN, I WASN'T... I'M... I... OH MY!
:SMAK!:
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